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DOYLE ANNOUNCES HEAP GRANT

County Executive Jack Doyle announced that Monroe County would receive more than \$9.07 million from New York State for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). HEAP provides needed energy assistance for low-income households and is an ongoing program.

"With energy costs continuing to rise and with winter rapidly approaching, HEAP is an ever more important program," said Doyle. "Many elderly and low income families in our community will benefit from HEAP again this year."

HEAP has been funded since 1982 and is jointly administered by the Monroe County Departments of Social Services and Aging along with Action for a Better Community. The program provides funds for low income, elderly and public assistance households to meet the cost of energy bills.

The state grant totals \$9,073,065 and is an approximate 10% increase from last year's funding level. The grant itself is funded 100% by the federal government.

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